

USHED IN NEW YEAR

Merry Parties Gather and Watch the New Season Begin.

MEETING OF SUPERVISORS

Annual Report of Chief Lipscomb Issued Yesterday.

Other News.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102, 1103, 1104.

The new year peacefully assumed its way in Manchester. The streets, on the whole, were very quiet and orderly, though there were one or two minor arrests by the police. Many merry watch night parties were held, and groups of happy young folk tried to be silent and meditate while the hour of midnight sounded the arrival of the new season. One of the most enjoyable of these parties was held at the residence of the Rev. R. W. Criddle, No. 108 East Tenth Street. After a box party for the benefit of a church society, a watch-night service was held, lasting until after 12 o'clock.

SUPERVISORS MEET.

The Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield county met yesterday. The special object of the session was to consider the release of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company from the construction of the connection with the county road. The company was required to restore the road to its former condition, and it was prepared to make its report yesterday. The work was very pleasing to the supervisors, and they accepted it at once.

REPORT OF CHIEF LIPSCOMB.

The annual report of Chief Lipscomb was issued last night. It shows a total of 1,283 arrests, against 760 in 1902. The cases were as follows: Felony, 30; misdemeanor, 236; ordinance violation, 924; lunacy, 3; and other, 11. The report also shows a decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness, from 117 in 1902 to 109 in 1903.

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COURT AFFAIRS.

In the Mayor's Court yesterday morning "Smile H. A. Jordan" presided and the following were called:

Robert Threat, Clarence Sanders, William Newby, Herbert Gibson and Robinson, small of the county, charged with drunkenness, fined \$10 each.

Sidney Jackson, suing to retain custody of a child, case continued and writ of habeas corpus, colored, charged with stealing a mule, case continued until Saturday.

SOCIAL WHIRL.

A New Year's dance was given last night at the Drewry mansion by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Drewry. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

The children of the Fifth Street Methodist church, under the leadership of the pastor, Mr. C. H. Drewry, gave a play at the church yesterday night. The play was "The Boy Who Stole the Christmas Tree." The children were very well dressed, and the play was very well acted.

A Christmas entertainment was given last night in the Clifton Street Baptist church. The program was very attractive, and the occasion was very much enjoyed.

QUALIFICATIONS.

Mr. H. C. Robertson, the newly elected member of Swansboro, qualified yesterday.

AND INJURED.

Freeman Walter T. Smith, of the first regiment, was injured on an injury to his hand, which was badly mangled a few days ago.

PERSONAL AND BRIEF.

The Board of Police Commissioners will meet Tuesday night in the Mayor's office instead of at the police station.

Mr. J. V. Brinkley, of the Chesterfield county, has returned home, after spending several days in Richmond, attending to the affairs of the county.

Colonel and Mrs. William M. Allen and their attractive daughter, Miss Gertrude Allen, were guests at a party given at the home of Mrs. Allen yesterday night.

Landson and John Vest, sons of W. A. Vest, have returned from a successful hunting trip in Chesterfield county.

Valtius Moore, who has been ill, continues to improve under the treatment of Dr. E. B. Lusk.

The Manchester postoffice will open from 10 to 11 o'clock today. The public will be expected to call for the mail. Carriers will collect the mails, but will make no delivery.

SHERIFF RETIRES.

Distinguished Guests at Reception and Banquet in His Honor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STANTON, Va., Dec. 31.—A number of distinguished guests assembled at a banquet in this city at the Palmer House to-night at a reception to Sheriff N. C. Watts, celebrating his retirement from the sheriff's office, which office he has filled for over twenty years.

Among those present were Senator Joseph E. W. Braxton, Congressman H. D. Flood, A. C. Braxton and Representative John W. Churchman.

Joseph A. Glasgow acted as toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to:

"Retiring Sheriff," William E. Patrick. "Incoming Sheriff," Judge H. V. Pole. "Augusta County and City of Stanton," Commonwealth's Attorney Richard S. Kerr.

Courts and Members of Our Bar," James Bumgardner. "State of Virginia," Hon. Joseph E. W. Braxton.

BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Mr. William Pegram Gilmore Marries Miss Cobb.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A large wedding party, including Mr. and Mrs. John H. H. Cobb, and William Pegram Gilmore, of the Richmond, Va., will reside at No. 114 West Franklin Street.

The decorations were green and white. The officiating clergyman was Rev. D. Parker Morgan.

Miss Cobb's younger sister, Miss Lucy Leachman Cobb, was maid of honor, and bridesmaid were Miss Mary Gilmore and Miss Marjorie Gilmore. Sisters of the bride were Misses Mary and Misses Mary and Misses Mary and Misses Mary.

Mr. Gilmore's brother, Allen Gilmore, was best man, and his sisters were Misses Mary and Misses Mary. The wedding party was very large, and the ceremony was very beautiful.

The reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. H. Cobb, and was very enjoyable. The guests were very numerous, and the evening was very pleasant.

HEAVY LIQUIDATION IN COTTON MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The recent heavy liquidation was continued in the cotton market today, with trading very active. First prices were at a loss of fifteen to thirty-two points, with a decline of one to two points.

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FAVORITES FARE BADLY AT CRESCENT CITY.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Favorites fared badly today, only Julia M. and Floyd K. winning. Summary: Julia M. (6 to 5) first, Overhand (3 to 1) second, Allegretto (10 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Second race—saddle, mile, 1:14. 17 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Third race—mile and a half, 2:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Fourth race—handicap, six and a half furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Fifth race—five furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Sixth race—six and a half furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Seventh race—seven furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Eighth race—eight furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Ninth race—nine furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Tenth race—ten furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Eleventh race—eleven furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Twelfth race—twelve furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

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Twentieth race—twenty furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Twenty-first race—twenty-one furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Twenty-second race—twenty-two furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Twenty-third race—twenty-three furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

Twenty-fourth race—twenty-four furlongs, 1:14. 10 to 1 first, Dutch Carter (5 to 1) second, Comma (7 to 1) third. Time 1:14.

SEABOARD SITUATION

Mr. James M. Barr Pleased at Being Made President of the Road.

WHY MR. SHARP DROPPED

The Ryan Interests Wanted a Man of Their Own Choosing to Handle Their Money.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 31.—Mr. James M. Barr, the new president of the Seaboard, is naturally greatly pleased at the vote of confidence accorded him by the directors of the system, and during the morning he received many callers who desired to extend congratulations. Telegrams and telephone messages of congratulation were also showered upon the official.

Mr. Barr, nevertheless, remained at his desk all day, attending to the routine business of his office. He said that he had no statement whatsoever to make regarding the policy of the railway during his administration as its president. He has been in charge of the policy of the road for almost three years now, and it is scarcely probable that there will be any change therein. In fact, the president-elect stated this fact definitely.

STAY IN PORTSMOUTH.

He will retain his offices in the headquarters building of the road in Portsmouth. Apparently, there will be little change in the office staff, or a slight addition of force.

Regarding the change in treasurers, Mr. Barr said that certainly no reflection could possibly be intended upon the faithful and efficient retiring treasurer, Mr. John H. Sharp, who has efficiently handled the funds of the company for the past twenty-three years. He desired to make public acknowledgement, he said, of the ability and fidelity of this gentleman.

WANT THEIR OWN MEN.

"It is quite natural," said the new president, "that the people who have recently put their millions into this property should desire a man of their own selection as treasurer."

Mr. Barr said that the selection of Mr. J. M. Barr as vice-president and treasurer was the logical outcome of the recent change in the property. Mr. Sharp, the retiring treasurer, has been a resident of this city for the past ten years or more. He started in the Central Railway, one of the most important constituent properties of the Seaboard, as a bookkeeper. This was in April, 1882.

In 1893, when the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railway was completed to Atlanta, he was named treasurer of the consolidated lines with headquarters here. Later on, when Mr. J. S. Williams combined the Seaboard system with the Peninsula and the Virginia and Albemarle, Mr. Sharp was made treasurer of the consolidated properties.

MR. SHARP'S FUTURE.

When given this morning, he was at his office, performing his duties as treasurer. He had no criticism to make of the action of the Board of Directors, of the action of the Board of Directors, of the action of the Board of Directors.

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THE VONDERS OF ASTRONOMY

SATURN'S BILLIONS OF MOONS.

By GARRETT P. SERVING.

THESE next to the largest world in our solar system possesses billions of moons—there can be no doubt that the number is literally billions. They are so numerous that, if we could count them, we cannot even see them separately. They are so crowded, and at the same time so far away from us, that their light is inextricably intermingled, and the vast multitude looks, even in a powerful telescope, like a frozen sun of silver.

These innumerable moons are collectively designated in astronomical textbooks as Saturn's rings. But the word "rings" is misleading as is the appearance of the objects to which the word is applied. They are not solid, connected rings, although they look so.

Our moon is comparatively a large body, large enough for a respectable planet if it were independent of the earth. Juniper and Saturn, too, for that matter—has moons still larger than ours. Mars, on the other hand, has only two very small moons. So size is no criterion of moonship.

The larger moons of Saturn revolve around it at a greater distance than that of the rings. The latter are relatively close to the planet, and in that fact we have a clue to their origin; that is to say, they are so small and so numerous, that it can be proved that our big moon would be broken into numberless fragments if it revolved within about 11,000 miles of the earth's surface. Then we, too, should have rings of little moons about us, in place of the single large moon that travels along its monthly round.

In Saturn's crowd of moons things happen that are characteristic of all crowds. They pull and haul one another, though perhaps always keeping at arm's length. They vacillate, and unless they are held together by the crowd grows thinner in some places while thicker in others. Great waves of commotion run through this vast moon horde as through a flock of hurrying sheep.

And yet, upon the whole, they are an orderly assemblage. They never pause in their onward movement along their fixed path about Saturn. The vagaries of individuals do not affect the general forward movement, and more than the dropping out and in of stragglers the staggering of unsteady marchers stays the advance of an army. It is the steady onward sweep of a great company governed by a wise commander that is the strangest thing in the whole visible universe. Nobody would ever have dreamed of the existence of such a thing if telescopes had not revealed it.

Narrow, empty spaces divide this curious host into three or four separate legions.

Inasmuch as these billions of little bodies are not separately visible from the earth, the question may naturally be asked: "How do you know that they exist?" How can you tell that the rings of Saturn are there?

There are two ways in which we know and can tell. In the first place, the law of gravitation assures us that solid rings could not exist in such a situation. I have mentioned before what would happen to the earth's moon if it came near enough to our globe to feel the effects of the earth's gravitational pull. The same close approach would subject Saturn's rings to the same fate.

Mathematical calculation has proved that Saturn's rings could not even be liquid bodies without being broken up into numberless separate particles.

In the second place, the spectroscopic analysis has shown that the rings travel around Saturn with a speed that gradually increases from their outer to their inner edges. How the spectroscopic is able to give us this information is one of the most surprising stories in astronomy, but it would take too long to tell. The rings, however, are so close to the planet that the spectroscopic shows unmistakably that the rings of Saturn move in such a way as only a multitude of separate, independent bodies, traveling in the same direction, could move. The nearer they are to Saturn the faster they go, and accordingly if one could stand on the surface of Saturn and look up at the circles of moons over his head he would see the nearer ones racing past their next outer neighbors at a great rate, outrunning their more distant companions, and so on to the outermost limits of the wonderful system.

Truly, the heavens are more full of novelties than the brain of a dreamer.

MEAT CAUSE OF APPENDICITIS

Trouble Is Found Mainly Among Those Who Are Consumers of Flesh.

(From the Paris Mail.)

It is a long time since appendicitis has been discussed at the Academy of Medicine. True we have had vacations, and though appendicitis is not idle, the academy supposes it ought to rest during the months of August and September. And, besides, it begins to become difficult to say anything new on a question which for ten years past has made so much ink and blood run. It is Dr. Chauvel, medical inspector of the army, who has belied the old by a study on the frequency of appendicitis in the French army.

A little detail in passing. During the year the military hospitals received 688 patients afflicted with appendicitis. Out of this number 188 have been treated according to the surgical rite, and 490 have received a purely medical treatment, although, according to a appended note, "the medical treatment of appendicitis does not exist."

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of a heavy meal we eat our cooked fruits, and when we want their digestive action more developed we take them after dinner in their natural, uncooked state for dessert. Science also tells us that fruit should be eaten as an aid to the digestion of other foods much more than it is now.

Cultivated fruits, such as apples, pears, plums, peaches, grapes, strawberries and cherries, contain a great deal of sugar and other ingredients, which are about one per cent. of malle and other acids, and one per cent. of flesh-forming albuminoids, with over eighty per cent. of water. Digestion depends upon the action of pepsin in the stomach. Fats are digested by these acids and the bile from the liver.

Death of the Old Year.

BY TENNYSON.

Full knee deep lies the winter snow, And the winter winds are wearily sighing, Toll ye the church bell sad and slow, And read softly and speak low, For the old year is dead before you, Old year, you must not die; You came to us so readily, You lived with us so steadily— Old year, you shall not die!

He loath still; he doth not move; He will not see the dawn of day; He hath no other life above; He gave me a friend, and true, true love, And the new year will take 'em away. Old year, you must not go; So long as you have been with us, Old year, you shall not die!

He frothed his bumpers to the brim; A joller year we shall not see;